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Subject: Conversation with Connolly, Scott
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St. Peter, Marie 10:52 AM:

Q: about the cattle feed water content you inserted into the MGPI inspection report.
Did someone tell you they reduce it to 11-13% or is that something you know? Mike told me its 10%, I just didn't specify since Brian is like "i don't care about this".

Connolly, Scott 10:57 AM:

I was talking about this with Mike on the way back to the office. This was the conversation we had when they were mentioning that the new dryer dried the solids to a different water content than the old dryer. They mentioned that there was an economic benefit to changing the water content of the feed.

St. Peter, Marie 10:58 AM:

Right, I remember that conversation. I just did not hear the 11-13% number. He said it comes into the dryer house as 96% water, but has to leave as 90% solids.

I mean, its not that big of a deal in the end. its just a few percentage points
I just don't want to insert in stuff we didn't hear the facility say.

Connolly, Scott 11:02 AM:

He said that 12.5% is what they normally send it out at. 11-13 is the range they can get with the new drier. I think that he said they sell the feed by weight and more water means its heavier and can be sold for more. i think i may have mixed up the numbers in the report. I remember this conversation because i spend a lot of time during a project i did calculating the amount of water content in a dried solids feed.

St. Peter, Marie 11:07 AM:

Ok. As long as you heard it. :) Yeah, we had talked about the fact that they don't want it TOO dry because then they lose some of the economic benefit of selling it (less weight, plus more energy consumed in drying). The fact that you had spent a lot of time working on this in college was my concern, because that means that you could have inserted it assuming that its standard across the industry (which it may be or may not be, i don't know). Like I said, it's not a huge deal. If that is what you heard him specifically say than it's totally fine, he told me an approximate value then when he said it needs to be 90% solids. And also, please don't think I'm trying to accuse you of anything, I'm definitely not! I just don't want that to be an issue when they request the report. I was told that a facility recently sent back an inspection report after they said there were errors in it.

Oh wow, my response is so long that skype wants me to give it a title.

Connolly, Scott 11:11 AM:

What i think we can do if we are worried about it is to remove the numbers and just say it qualitatively. Correct me if i'm wrong but it looks like we agree that the new dryer is able to achieve a different water content in the feed than the old dryer. I think the important part is that we say that the change occurred and that there was an economic benefit for the company.
haha yeah the skype gave me a "read more" button that i had to click to see all of it.

St. Peter, Marie 11:13 AM:

Hah, yeah it says "no title" at the top of the blurb on my end. Apparently, as is common with girls, I'm able to turn small conversations into essays or textbooks.

Yeah, definitely. We do agree on the overall outcome of what occurred with the rotary dryer and centrifuge installation. I will change it after I look over the rest of the edits.

St. Peter, Marie 11:17 AM:

I actually like all the editing you did btw. While you didn't make any major changes, the report seems like it will read better. After I write a report I basically refuse to change the wording around even though I realize I could.

Connolly, Scott 11:18 AM:

Yeah that change sounds good.

Yeah always do that type of thing with lukes reports, you guys write very similarly.

You both use lots of passive voice and i have been getting flack from nathan and dakota about fixing that in my writing so im trying to implement that in all reports

also there were lots of run on sentences.

St. Peter, Marie 11:20 AM:

Yeah, I know. I'm used to doing more 'creative writing'. I didn't take a technical writing class in college.

Connolly, Scott 11:21 AM:

i used to think i was a horrible writer then in college everyone started really liking what i wrote. I think technical writing is the only writing i know how to do now...

St. Peter, Marie 11:22 AM:

Hah, yeah, I knew that I did that! Its was a lot of information to try to express in a technical report.

Oh yeah, that would make sense. In high school my teachers always suggested that I go into a field that had a lot of creative writing.

Which is weird because I don't even remember the parts of a sentence tbh.

Plus, I didn't ever try in my english classes. When I went into my senior year of high school instead of taking typical english and writing classes I took a year long class where we read the lord of the rings trilogy and the hobbit. I think it was called modern mythology.

Connolly, Scott 11:29 AM:

i never liked writing classes. the only class in college i took was a summer online class that i did the minmum work required. I think i only had to write like 10 papers all of college.

that class sounds awesome btw.

St. Peter, Marie 11:34 AM:

that class was awesome! i actually just purchased the trilogy online this week.